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### ROUND TABLE

FRIDAY, February 1 ---- Clubrooms, 1475 Broadway  
From 5:30 to 7:30 P.M.--Members and Guests: Free

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### PROSPECTS OF DEFENSE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

Participating in this informal discussion on a vital problem in global defense will be several informed experts from the nations in question, as well as prominent foreign correspondents recently returned from Southeast Asia.

Plan to attend this stimulating Roundtable, contribute your views to the afternoon and come home Club Members and others just back from the Orient.

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### \*\*\*\* COMING EVENTS \*\*\*\*

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### REPORT FROM GERMANY

NORBERT MUHLEN, just back from Reader's Digest assignments in Germany; Lisolotta Berger, head of the Militant Democratic University Students Movement in Berlin, and others to be announced will headline this important program for the following week, on February 7.

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QUENTIN REYNOLDS has just begun a biography of famed flyer Jimmy Doolittle. Meanwhile, he's dickering with 20th Century-Fox for rights to his book on Samuel Leibowitz, "Courtroom" ... VICTOR IASKY recently rented the Hollywood apartment of actress Betsy von Furstenberg ... New Red Cross poster calling for blood donations features the face of EUGENE JONES. He posed seven years ago when he and twin-brother, CHARLES, were Marine combat correspondents. The "JONES Trio" (including EUGENE's wife, Natalie) are off for six months in Europe for NBC-TV January 23.

Club Headquarters is holding undelivered OPC mail for JAMES MICHAELS and RODNEY C. CAMPBELL; anyone know their present whereabouts? Note: Please keep the Club advised of any changes in your address ... ARNOLD BRACKMAN has just been appointed representative in Indonesia of the Editors Press Service ...

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Congratulations to the KENNETH PORTERS on the birth of a daughter (8 pounds worth!) on January 21! ... The Anderson (S.C.) Daily Mail has accredited JOHN GOETTE, formerly of King Features Syndicate, as its United Nations correspondent. James and MARJORY YOUNG are associated with the Daily Mail in Anderson ... LEO LANIA has just returned from a lecture tour to the West Coast. In Cleveland he addressed the City Club on "Powder-Keg Germany", and spoke before the annual meeting of the Portland (ore.) Welfare Fund on "Israel's Role in the Middle East". The current issue of United Nations World carries LANIA's article, "Vicksburg Turns the Tide" ...

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: The Foreign Press Association, which entered its 35th year with some 200 :  
: members from 32 countries, will publish its new Directory early in Febru- :  
: ary. Copies will be available to OPCers through FPA Secretary MIECZYSLAW :  
: WIONCZEK, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, Room 539. :  
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CLARK LEE's and Capt. RICHARD HENSCHER's new biography, "Douglas MacArthur", will be published January 28 by Henry Holt & Co. Production problems delayed the release originally planned for last November so HENSCHER will bear the brunt of promotion woes while CLARK works on a new book (about Spain) in Florence, Italy. Already HENSCHER is at work on another project, a bio of Bernard Baruch called "Elder Statesman" ... EDWARD R. MURROW on January 20 narrated the first television broadcast from a submerged submarine at sea on his CBS-TV "See It Now" show ... MURROW and Past President LOWELL THOMAS, incidentally, won top honors in their respective fields in the 16th Annual Motion Picture Daily-Fame poll conducted among radio editors and critics of American newspapers and magazines.

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# ALTERNATES

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## CLUB CALENDAR

Awards Committee Meeting ..... Clubrooms ..... Thursday, January 31, 5:45 PM  
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The Chairman of the Admissions Committee announces the election to membership in the Overseas Press Club of America of the following candidates:

Active: GENE FARMER, Time-Life, London

Guest: Dr. WALTER SCHUCK, correspondent, Duesseldorfer Handelsblatt

Armed Force: Col. WILLIAM MAYER, Headquarters First Army  
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MEMBERS OF TWO COMMITTEES, )  
AWARDS AND PERMANENT QUARTERS, )  
NAMED BY CHAIRMEN THIS WEEK )

Names of Members appointed to two OPC Committees were announced this week by their respective Chairmen, following consultation with President JOHN DALY. Named to direct selection of candidates and balloting for the Annual Overseas


Press Club was an Awards Committee headed by JOHN BARKHAM. His committee will include CLYDE BROWN, DON BURKE, Past President BOB CONSIDINE, JOSEF C. DINE, ELIZABETH FAGG, PAULINE FREDERICK, RALPH GOLDBURGH, HERBERT KUPFERBERG, LARRY LESEUER, JOHN MARTINCO and CLIFFORD STARK.

President DALY this week also announced the formation of a Committee to explore ways and means of establishing a new Club Headquarters. WILLIAM P. GRAY will be Chairman, with the following Members named to serve with him: LARRY BLOCHMAN, JOSEF C. DINE, SANFORD GRIFFITH, DAN GROSSI, LARRY HOOVER, Past President LOUIS P. LOCHNER, PATRICIA LOCHRIDGE, B. MATHIEU.

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HENRY J. TAYLOR guested recently on "Author Meets the Critics", discussing "Pattern for Responsibility", the book on Dean Acheson ... Speaking this week in Eau Claire, Wis., is Lt.Col. ROSWELL P. ROSENGREN, First Army PIO ... For five weeks HILDA LLODIO has been in London, working on stories for English magazines ... Columns by ADELE NATHAN now appearing in the revived Cripple Creek (Colo.) Gold Rush under the heading "Gold Dust from Gotham". She also recently co-authored an article, "The Voice of the Ticker", for This Week mag, which ungraciously omitted the double by-line ... BEN WASHER has been assisting LYNN FARNOL on publicity for "The Greatest Show on Earth".

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SHIFTS AND SLOTS: Former director of television and motion pictures for the City of New York, CLIFFORD EVANS has joined the staff of "Today", the new early-morning Dave Garroway TV show on NBC ... W. MOSCRIP MILLER has been named New York office head of the Public Relations Management Corporation, a combine of 14 regional public relations firms recently organized, with branch offices in 15 cities ... Veteran newsman BILL COSTELLO is new White House correspondent for CBS Radio while Charles Collingwood takes a six-month leave of absence to accept a special Government assignment. COSTELLO transferred to the CBS Washington staff in May, 1950, after three years as CBS Far Eastern bureau chief ...

Charlotte (N.C.) Observer publisher RALPH NICHOLSON in town last week to attend the annual meeting of This Week's editorial committee ... President DAVID D. ZINGG of the House Magazine Institute last week helped direct a two-day seminar for editors representing 18 industries, conducted jointly by the HMI and Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism ...

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MAX JORDAN's ordination as a Catholic priest covered with a picture and paragraph in the January 21 Quick ... Back in New York from Washington is attorney JAMES H. SCHEUER ... "Ticket to Israel" by ALVIN ROSENFELD and wife, Judy Shepard, will be published April 10 by Rinehart & Co. ... After a long siege of illness in Arizona, WAYNE RICHARDSON is back at his Associated Press desk. Welcome home! ... January has been a busy month for Past President LOUIS P. LOCHNER. Thus far he has addressed the Parent-Teacher Association of his new hometown, Fair Haven, N.J., on "What Is News?" and the Asbury Park Rotary Club on "Tasks of the Foreign Correspondent" ...

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LOST & FOUND DEP'T: Still unclaimed at Club headquarters since the New Year's Eve party is one hat, a "Mallory Ten" -- returned by a Member who took it by mistake and picked up his own hat. If the remaining chapeau is yours, phone Longacre 4-0174.

Next week H. V. KALTENBORN will vacation for several days at Palm Beach, but will continue his news commentary from there ... MBS White House reporter WILLIAM HILLMAN has just completed work on his latest book, "Mr. President", which will be released in mid-March. The 288-page text will be illustrated with exclusive photos of President Truman, 62 of which will be in color ... RITA HUME SECONDARI sends New Year's greetings from Rome ...

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Over at NBC, it's "Crystal Ball" CASSIDY -- HENRY, that is. In a special memo to his world-wide news staff CASSIDY outlined stories to look out for in 1952. They were not predictions, he explained, but "indications" of news that might break. Some examples: May Tse-Tung may split with Stalin, Soviet Union may get tough with Marshal Tito, imprisoned AP correspondent William Oatis may be released, etc. One "indication" has already materialized: CASSIDY "indicated" that General Eisenhower would announce his decision to stand as presidential candidate. A solid beat, since the memo was circulated at the year's end ...

Past President LOWELL THOMAS recently chalked up two holes-in-one! Second, however, was for his opponent -- New York State Supreme Court Justice Charles E. Murphy. THOMAS' driven ball struck Judge Murphy's on a single stroke from the green. Murphy's ball rolled into the cup! ...

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"INSIDE INSIDE", CLUB BOOK,)  
BOUGHT FOR FALL PUBLICATION) The OPC's annual book project, "Inside Inside: The Best Stories  
BY DOUBLEDAY AND COMPANY) of Foreign Correspondents", has been purchased by Doubleday &  
Company, according to a statement from DICKSON HARTWELL, Chairman  
of the Book Committee. HARTWELL told the Club's Board of Govern-  
ors that editorial difficulties had postponed for some months announcement of the book's accep-  
tance. Doubleday is now planning to release the book probably this fall.

BERNARD HOFFMAN, Life staff photographer for 16 years, has entered the free-lance photo-  
graphic field in addition to operating two complementary businesses. One is a photo laboratory  
called BERNARD HOFFMAN Laboratories, at 350 West 50th Street, producing top quality prints for  
industry and professional lensmen; the other is a chemical lab in St. Louis which is working on  
new techniques in photo development ...



FREEDOM OF PRESS COMMITTEE SUSPENDS ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF  
OF WILLIAM N. OATIS AT REQUEST OF MRS. OATIS \* \* \* \* \*

All efforts of the Overseas Press Club to help secure the release of imprisoned AP correspondent William N. Oatis were suspended this week in accordance with the wishes of Mrs. Oatis and in view of a report submitted by two Minneapolis OPC Members. The action was taken at a Board of Governors meeting January 22 following a recommendation by BRUNO SHAW, Chairman of the Freedom of Press and Information Committee.

Curtailling of the Club's activities on Oatis' behalf came as result of a request that Mrs. Oatis cooperate with the OPC in a project designed to expedite her husband's release. SHAW asked CARROLL BINDER and GIDEON SEYMOUR of the Minneapolis Star-Tribune to enlist Mrs. Oatis' participation in person. In a report to SHAW, BINDER wrote that Mrs. Oatis did not feel the Committee's future effort "holds sufficient promise of benefiting her husband to warrant undertaking it at this time". He also said Mrs. Oatis felt the move might hamper negotiations to secure Oatis' release.

Mrs. Oatis also indicated, according to BINDER, that she has complete confidence in the intentions and methods of the State Department and deplored publicity implying that the State Department is not doing everything in its power to effect her husband's release. BINDER further said that he and SEYMOUR concurred in Mrs. Oatis' views.

"It is obvious that we should not proceed further because of Mrs. Oatis' wishes" SHAW told the Board. "We have no alternative but to respect her decision in this matter."

The decision brought to an end months of hard labor on the part of members of the Freedom of Press Committee, involving conferences with State Department Officials, correspondence with the White House and consultations with all interested parties in the case. The Board voted SHAW and his Committee a vote of thanks for their work on the project.

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On January 26 A. WILFRED MAY will moderate a forum, "How Will You Be Living Under 1952's Defense Economy" at the Harmonie Club. Guests will be Manly Fleishmann, National Production Authority administrator, and Leon Keyserling. ... HARRISON FORMAN, back from a lecture tour in the Midwest, will speak on "Mao Wants All Asia" at Columbia University's McMillan Theatre February 4 ...

RED FACE DEPARTMENT: New Member EVERETT BAUMAN, incorrectly identified as being with the National Broadcasting Company in announcement of his election to the OPC, is actually assistant public relations manager of the Creole Petroleum Corp., in Caracas, Venezuela. Sorry! ... Commentator WILLIAM L. SHIRER to guest on WCBS' "This I Believe" on January 31 ...



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BERNSTEIN CREDITED WITH) Success of a New York Times house organ designed to improve the  
 NEW GIMMICK TO IMPROVE) newspaper's style, accuracy and content was attributed last week to  
 TIMES' STYLE, ACCURACY) THEODORE BERNSTEIN, news editor. The bi-weekly sheet, called Winners  
 & Sinners, calls attention to grammatical errors, sloppy style, in-  
 accuracies and poor writing. "Sinners" are not named, but their published work is quoted as  
 guidance against future mistakes. Regular departments include "Bright Heads", "Happy Captions",  
 "English the King Wouldn't Like", "Forget 'em Words" and "Helpful Hints for Hatchet Men". Oc-  
 casionally, too, outstanding examples of "winners" are cited, although the house organ admits  
 evil-doers receive more notice. An item about Winners & Sinners in the January 19 Editor &  
Publisher says that "news room speculation attributes the bulletins" to OPCer BERNSTEIN.

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The following new books have been received by the Overseas Press Club  
 Library and are now available for lending to Members:

ROSS AND THE NEW YORKER by Dale Kramer (Doubleday). The full story of the late enigmatic  
 editor of the New Yorker. Highly readable and entertaining, this book takes the wraps  
 off one of the least known figures in the magazine world.

THE FACE OF WAR by CHARLES and EUGENE JONES (Prentice-Hall). For OPCers, who've had their  
 share of dirt and war, this will be an interesting book -- for the Jones twins succeed  
 in capturing on film what Ernie Pyle depicted in his dispatches and what Bill Mauldin  
 caught in his cartoons.

STRANGE LANDS AND FRIENDLY PEOPLE by William O. Douglas (Harper). In this volume the  
 author traces the hard facts which the American people must face in their dealings  
 with the East and Middle East. The book provides excellent background material.

HITLER'S INTERPRETER by Dr. Paul Schmidt (MacMillan). A highly illuminating book in  
 which Hitler's chief interpreter from 1935 to 1945 clarifies many events which corres-  
 pondents could only speculate upon at the time.

THE NEW TURKS by Eleanor Bisbee (University of Pennsylvania Press). This is the story  
 of the changing of an ancient civilization from a decadent empire into a modern repub-  
 lic. This book is a "must" for editors interested in Turkey and the Near East.

WAR FOR THE WORLD by Fletcher Pratt (Yale University Press). Here the well-known  
 military analyst tells the story of the American armed forces in World War II, record-  
 ing not only the campaigns and strategies in all theatres but the personalities of  
 commanders of the morale of their men.

OVER A BAMBOO FENCE by Margery Finn Brown (W. Morrow & Co.). A lively, human book  
 about Japanese and Americans in Japan. The authoress is an Army wife who went there  
 and met the people as another human being -- not as a member of the occupying forces.

A FOREIGN POLICY FOR AMERICANS by Robert A. Taft (Doubleday). An up-to-the-minute  
 statement of Senator Taft's views on foreign affairs.

HISTORY OF RUSSIA by George Vernadsky (Yale University Press). This is the third  
 edition of Professor Vernadsky's well-known work.

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